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SOURCE

1. The Seehydrographischer Dienst (Hydrographic Service) (SHD) in Stralsund surveyed the sea from the Bay of Wisnar as far as Warnemuende between 1948 and late 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1
Four charts of the Kleine Haff area as far as the Auden and two charts of the Achterwasser area were prepared in December 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1
Two charts of the Greifswalder Bodden, one of the Vicker Bodden, one of the Ticker Bodden, one of the Brecker Bodden and one of the Kubitzer Bodden, as well as two sea charts of the 3-mile zone between Warnemuende and Poel were also prepared at that time. [REDACTED]
The scale of these sea charts was 1:25,000.
2. The 1952 program of the Stralsund SHD includes the survey of the area between 54°31'N/11°11.5'E and 53°59.5N/11°11.5'E with the limiting positions 54°24'N/11°12'E, 54°32'N/11°35.5'E, 54°30'N/12°00'E, 55°00'N/13°00'E, 55°00'N/13°40'E, 54°07'N/14°25'E. [REDACTED] The Soviet 3-mile zone is also to be surveyed.
3. No mine fields had been surveyed by the SHD in Stralsund by 16 December 1951. Mine sweeping operations in the Bay of Swinemunde were planned by the Soviet Zone Sea Police for October and November 1951, and the SHD had been asked to detach a surveying specialist to advise mine sweeper captains on surveying problems. This specialist fell ill, and no further request was made. [REDACTED] 25X1
4. In December 1951, Oberst Plogner (fnu), adviser at the SHD in Stralsund, prepared a report on surveying for mine sweeping operations.

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- (1) In 1946 and 1947, the German Hydrographic Institute in Hamburg surveyed the Bay of Luebeck and the Bay of Warnemuende but discontinued these operations as a result of differences with Soviet zone authorities.
- (2) The sea charts of the area from the Kleine Haff to the Auden and the chart of the Achterwasser, now in preparation, include the navigable waterway which connects the Stettiner Haff and the Greifswalder Bodden via the Peene River. This waterway is important to inland navigation in the Soviet Zone because it is the only route to Stralsund for non-seagoing vessels.
- (3) The preparation of sea charts of the Grosser Jasmunder Bodden, the Vicker Bodden, the Brecker Bodden, the Premer Bodden and the Kubitzer Bodden is interesting, since for these lagoons near the Isle of Rügen are of no importance to shipping. It is believed improbable that these surveying operations should have been made only for the benefit of local fishermen.

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- (4) It is worth noting that the 1952 surveying plan indicates surveying operations close to the Isle of Fehmarn and thus has no regard for the 3-mile zone of Western Germany.
- (5) No reliable information is available concerning Soviet Zone Sea Police mine sweeping operations in the Bay of Swinemünde during October and November 1951. The operation may have been canceled because of unfavorable weather.

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